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Catching up on school sports

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 athlete Devon Bangay catches a pass in a pre-season workout for the junior Red Hawks football team on Thursday, Sept. 13. The juniors are playing in the second tier and will play a five game regular season. Read more on page 24. **Darren Lum** Staff

Schools' test results mixed

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Students in Haliburton County are faring well when it comes to literacy, however, there is room for improvement in the mathematics department.

Last week the province released its Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) results for boards and individual schools throughout Ontario.

The standardized test assesses students in grades 3, 6 and 9 in the areas of writing, reading and mathematics.

While students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are succeeding at the academic mathematics level, with 86 per cent meeting or exceeding the provincial standard, at the applied level, numbers are down.

This past year, 47 per cent of Haliburton high school students in applied math met the standard, compared to 61 per cent at the board level and 44 per cent across the province.

HHSS principal Dan Marsden said the results are still worth celebrating.

"Our academics did very well; above the board and provincial average. At the applied level, even though we're below the board level, we're still above the provincial average," he said.

For Marsden the results will mean finding new strategies to improve.

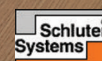
"We'll look at some reasons as to why the success wasn't there and then try to implement some new strategies to find success for them," he said, adding he has spoken to the head of the school's math department about introducing new ideas.

The principal cannot point to just one reason for the
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Water level issue gains higher profile

Len Pizzey

Special to the *Echo*

A local organization fighting for better management of water levels in the area's Trent Severn Waterway reservoir lakes has received a major boost from MP Barry Devolin.

Last week, Devolin announced he wants a new, independent agency created to manage the Trent Severn Waterway, with a focus on public safety and health along the 386 kilometre long system.

"I have come to believe that people and communities in this region would be better served by an independent agency managing the Trent Severn Waterway rather than Parks Canada," Devolin said. "As such, my intention is to table a private member's bill this fall that would create a Crown corporation, which would manage and operate the TSW."

Devolin attended the annual meeting of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) at the Fish Hatchery near Haliburton on Saturday to lend his support to the coalition's advocacy for a more comprehensive water management plan for the area's reservoir lakes and the system as a whole.

Devolin's proposed bill follows Parks Canada's recent announcement of Trent Severn Waterway staff cuts and plans to integrate operations with the Rideau Canal system under a single management structure, based

in Smiths Falls.

The CEWF is supported by area cottagers' associations and represents 85 per cent of all the lakes that feed water into the Trent Severn system. It was formed after the broader based Panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway issued its recommendations to the federal minister of the environment in April, 2008. Since then the CEWF has been monitoring area lake levels, working with Trent Severn staff on water management issues, and lobbying for the creation of a more detailed water management plan for the entire waterway system.

The coalition recently released a position paper in which it outlined its key priorities.

Co-chairman Chris Riddle, a Kennisis Lake cottager, told the audience of area lake representatives at Saturday's meeting that in addition to its call for a new, comprehensive approach to managing water levels in reservoir lakes and along the entire canal system, the group wants to see improved information and data on factors that affect water flows, documentation of preferred water levels and flows, and progress on the issue of who should operate the Trent Severn system.

Riddle said many local councils have passed resolutions supporting integrated water management, funding of dams and maintenance, creating a modern water management model, forming a new management agency, and getting the Ontario gov-

ernment to take an interest in issues involving the TSW.

The coalition's work was given greater urgency this year by low snowfall and a lack of rain this summer that produced some of the lowest water levels in reservoir lakes in more than 10 years.

Riddle said 2012 "closely reflects climate change projections for 30 years in the future" which predict reduced snowpack, early melt, and hot dry summers.

"This year was almost like looking into the future."

"Towards the end of July, we were getting very concerned about low water levels, so we wrote to TSW calling for conservation measures, a more balanced approach, and contingency planning for extreme weather conditions," Riddle said.

Despite the hardships low water levels have created for property owners on lakes with the highest drawdowns, Riddle and his fellow coalition members praised Peterborough-based water control engineer Dave Ness, who attended the meeting, for his efforts to minimize the local impact of near drought conditions.

This year Ness's staff began putting logs in local dams in January, a month earlier than usual. Spring melt was "the earliest I have seen it," he said, and lack of rainfall, along with warm temperatures exacerbated evaporation along the system.

Overall, however, Ness said it was "a pretty good year because of decisions made on how to manage what water there was." He noted that conditions were actually drier in 1988 and 2001.

Asked what he thought the impact of a shorter TSW boating season, under discussion by Parks Canada, might be on reservoir lakes, Ness said he believed that "even if locks were filled in and planted with flowers" operations would be the same. "Whether boats are going through the locks or not, I don't see there is going to much of an impact," he said.

That's because minimum water flows have to be maintained along the system for Peterborough drinking water and treated sewage outflow, and other public purposes.

On the matter of possible Haliburton area Parks Canada staff cuts and the effect on management of waterflows through local dams, Ness said "I prefer not to comment on that because nothing has been finalized."

At present, three crews of two people control local dam flows from April through October.

Offered a chance to expand on what led him to propose a new management model for the TSW, Devolin said recent discussion surrounding consolidation of Rideau and Trent Canada management under a single Parks Canada administration, and the possibility of reducing boating days on TSW and a system wide boating fee, have proved controversial.

"I have thought, isn't there a bigger fix needed," Devolin said.

Fundamental to his thinking is the notion that Parks Canada is not the right agency to operate the system, since the TSW is not a park, but a much larger and more complex system that affects the economy, and the water supply, of many cities and towns,

as well as waterfront property owners and communities in the reservoir lakes region.

A major concern is capital funding, and system needs can't be accommodated under the Parks Canada, he said. Much of the infrastructure, which includes 150 dams, 45 locks, and 39 swing bridges, is deteriorating, and will need repair and even reconstruction in the future. In fact, a coalition member pointed out, leakage through aging dams accounts for a significant portion of the water flow fed from reservoir lakes.

South of the Haliburton Highlands, the TSW "is seen as huge economic driver, and people think more could be done," Devolin said.

He was candid in explaining that his efforts are unlikely to result in immediate change.

"I don't expect Parks Canada is necessarily going to agree with me," he said, adding it is unlikely his private member's bill will be passed. A more likely outcome of his efforts to raise the profile of issues affecting the TSW is that government may take his idea and adopt it as part of their own policy, he said.

"I believe that one of the values of moving towards an independent agency" will be the due diligence process, he said, which would provide an opportunity to revisit issues around the system.

Reservoir lake drawdown concerns and consequences are not recognized as a priority by communities farther south along the TSW, Devolin said.

"It's important that your organization makes that point (about the need for a better water management system) and your voice is heard."

Asked if the coalition has considered taking a more aggressive stance with government agencies and politicians, Chris Riddle said the organization is "happy to be blamed for being too polite because we think that's how we'll make progress ... Have we considered legal issues [that could be used to press for change]? ... Absolutely"

"The public right to navigation would be one, and the second would be riparian rights, which has been a big issues in the U.S., especially along Colorado River, but it is a dog's breakfast."

"Do we want to start class action suits right now? ... Absolutely not."

The Coalition wants a consultative process that engages stakeholders.

"We don't believe that taking legal action has any place in our philosophy," he said.

Devolin praised that approach and added that in his experience, being confrontational and impolite rarely works.

While changes have not come at the pace many people in the reservoir lakes area want to see, the coalition has no plans to scale back its efforts, Riddle said.

"We're in this for the long haul ... We're going to keep engaging the powers that be, and work for your interests in the long term."

"I think you have done a very good job of being professional, of being insistent and persistent," Devolin said.

"Lighting fires is a poor strategy ... I think it's best that cooler heads prevail in most cases."

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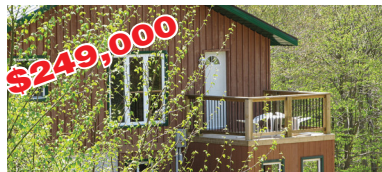
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Terry Fox Run surpasses expectations

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When Walter Tose set out to organize his first Terry Fox Run in Haliburton he wanted to raise more money.

Little did he know that he would achieve his goal and unite a community at the same time.

With 82 participants, the Run far surpassed his \$4,000 goal with a total of \$6,364.

Tose said this is owed to the entire community. From the local businesses, the print and radio media, particularly the *Haliburton County Echo*, to the 15 volunteers and the participants, it was a community event. He adds the warm temperature and sunny weather was a factor for some last minute participants.

This Run is in honour of Canadian Terry Fox, who attempted to run across Canada to raise awareness and money for cancer research. At 21, he started his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980. He completed 5,373 kilometres in 143 days before he stopped due to the recurrence of his cancer. He died from cancer in 1981.

Tose took over the Run from his wife Aggie, who had been either assisting or organizing the event since the beginning more than 30 years ago.

The retired Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher encourages the students and teachers to walk and run in the HHSS Terry Fox Run on at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Tose has always believed every bit helps in the fight against cancer.



The Terry Fox Run in Haliburton drew 82 participants to the town docks where they started. The event helped to raise \$6,364, surpassing the event's totals of last year.



Andrea Borysiuk leads a stretch before the start of the Terry Fox Run.



Darren Lum Staff

Emma Casey, 10, smiles while riding the loop around Head Lake for the Terry Fox Run in Haliburton on Sunday, Sept. 16.




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Scores reflect focus on literacy

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results, saying it's a combination of factors.

"It's right across the board, depending on the student and with large class sizes we have many different styles of learners ... there are many different things we're trying and from year to year you try to help the students as much as you can," he said.

At Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, principal Traci Hubbert was ecstatic about the results received by students in grades 3 and 6.

This past year students at ASES exceeded the board and provincial levels across all areas of testing, with more than 90 per cent of students meeting reading standards for both grades.

"It's excellent. It's a very good news story for us," said Hubbert. While the principal is pleased with the results she is careful to remember it is a reflection of one assessment.

"While it is definitely a standardized assessment that we can use to help us gauge how we are doing on things, there are lots of other ways that we measure how students are being successful in our school," she said.

For Hubbert the results are a reflection of many things, including the teaching staff at the elementary school.

"The staff here are just outstanding and how they work together and communicate needs of students from one year to the next, they do a great job ... the students are just being constantly reinforced through good teaching practice," she said.

At the end of September, each school will be receiving a breakdown of their results, which will help determine what types of teaching methods are successful and which are not, said Hubbert.

Good results in the reading and writing can be partially attributed to a board-wide campaign focused on literacy,

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— Traci Hubbert

Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal

she said.

"We know it's a foundations, that if they can't read they're not going to be able to do the writing or the math. For a long time there was a lot of emphasis on making sure we were equipping children to read really well. The next focus was on writing," Hubbert believes both the board and province will be shifting their attention to mathematics in the coming years as a new focus for improvement.

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School principal Elaine Fournier echoed Hubbert's remarks, stating the literacy results for the Haliburton school were something to smile about.

78 per cent of Grade 6 students at JDHES met the standard in writing, higher than the board and provincial average, and 69 per cent in reading, slightly lower than both the board and province.

"If you look at JDH's result in writing we did very well, and that was a real cause for celebration for us because that had been a full school year focus," said Fournier.

The emphasis on writing followed a realization students were struggling in the literacy department last year, said the principal.

Not wanting to rest on their laurels, Fournier said the school would continue to work towards achievement in writing, however, also look at other areas needing improvement, such as math.

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— Elaine Fournier
JDHES principal

43 per cent of students at the elementary school met the standard in mathematics, far lower than board or provincial scores. "We saw a mirror with our own school results with regard to mathematics, in terms of results that were less than what we would want. That was mirrored with the board in relation to the province," said Fournier.

Looking ahead, the school will be hoping to garner positive results in math as well as ensuring steady improvements continue overall.

"What specifically in mathematics, that's our next big question ... is it one particular strand? Those are some of the questions we'll be asking in the coming weeks," said the principal.

Fournier said once the results were released, principals across the board met to discuss improvement planning and growth. This year's results offered validation for Fournier, who said they reflected all of the hard work put in by the staff and that the "proof was in the pudding."

"But the pudding is only one piece of the pie," she said.

80 per cent of students at Stuart Baker Elementary School met the standard in reading, 91 per cent in writing and 77 per cent in math.

While all three categories were higher than both the board and province, the numbers were lower than the previous year's results.

Results for Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School were not made available due to the small population of the schools.

The EQAO results are for the 2011-2012 academic year.

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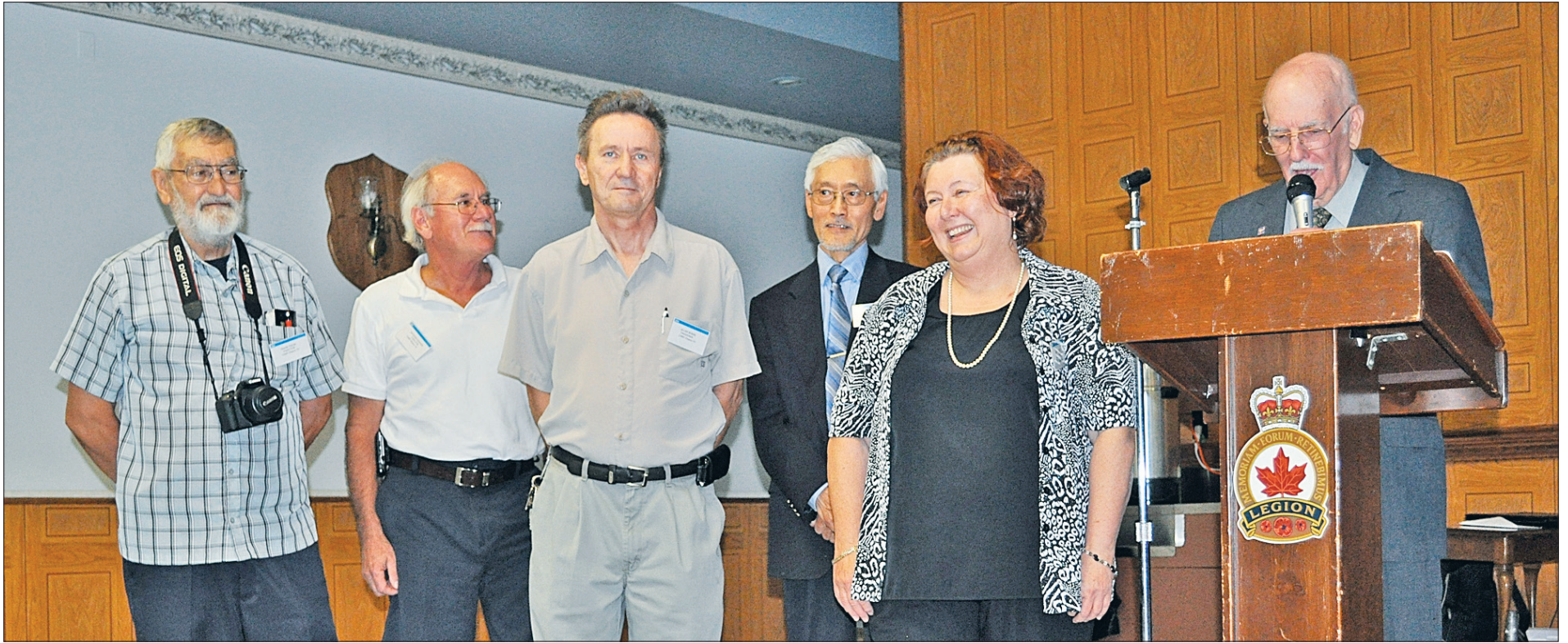
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Chairman of the Haliburton Highlands CARP chapter Bob Stinson, far right, introduces the steering committee during the launch at the Haliburton Legion on Sept. 13. From left, Frank Thom, director, Richard Hansen, director, Allen Burns, treasurer, Peter Minaki, director, and Dani Stahle, vice-chairwoman.

Newest CARP chapter launches in the Haliburton Highlands

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

For Bob Stinson it was worth the wait. More than 200 people filled the Haliburton Legion on Sept. 13 to attend the official launch of the Haliburton Highlands chapter of CARP.

Chairman of the steering committee for the local chapter, Stinson has been working on bringing the national organization to the Highlands for close to a year.

Originally set out for the retired demographic, CARP is a national, non-partisan organization committed to aging well in Canada.

The Haliburton Highlands chapter marks the 54th and the newest chapter of CARP.

"It's very exciting to be the founding chair of chapter 54," said Stinson. "I haven't been this excited since I got to go backstage at Casino Rama and meet Reba McEntire."

Stinson, along with a steering committee, has been working diligently behind the scenes to make the chapter a reality.

Their goal is to provide support for local government while advocating for important issues pertaining to seniors, said Stinson.

"We will be holding their feet to the fire on any contentious issues we don't agree with," he said about Haliburton's elected representatives.

Stinson stressed it was up to the community to make the chapter a success.

"We need your support to make this work."

Anthony Quinn, CARP's national manager of community development, highlighted the mandate of the organization and what it aims to achieve.

Focused on advocacy, benefits and com-

munity, the organization has expanded from 12 to 54 chapters over the past few years and now includes more than 300,000 members, said Quinn.

"We used to be for retired people. Not anymore. We're for all age groups," he said.

Advocacy work the organization does includes ensuring financial security, equitable access to health care and freedom from discrimination.

Examples include working towards an end to elder abuse, improving wait time guarantees and fighting against ageism.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey congratulated Stinson and the steering committee for making the Haliburton chapter a reality.

"I think joining CARP is a big plus for Haliburton County," said Fearrey, who has been a member of the organization for the past 15 years.

Citing them as a reasonable lobby group, Fearrey believed the Haliburton chapter would be a success.

Local Member of Parliament Barry Devolin agreed, joking that almost everyone is eligible to be a part of the organization.

"I'm a zoomer, you're a zoomer, he's a zoomer too," said Devolin.

As the senior population in Canada ages, Devolin believed it was important for groups to come together and make sure issues were being heard.

"I like to think of that Oil of Olay commercial that said I'm not going to age gracefully, I'm going to fight it every step of the way," said Devolin.

The MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock believed the newest chapter of the organization would be a success not just because of Stinson's determination but because of the dedicated members of the community.

"Those who participate get listened to," he said.

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points of view

Making the grade

W E ALL KNEW that kid in high school – the one who would ace the math test, but couldn't find his way out of the school parking lot.

That student had a certain kind of smarts – test smarts – that didn't always translate into the real world.

Eventually those kids end up learning how to cope in society like the rest of us, but the point is, their excellence in one subject did not represent the broader knowledge school brings.

So it is with the EQAO tests.

Last week, the Education Quality and Accountability Office released the most recent math and literacy test scores for grade 3, 6 and 9 students from across the province.

The results were mixed both provincially and within our county's schools.

Literacy scores were good or excellent for elementary school kids, while math grades weren't always great.

At the high school, scores are broken down into academic and applied streams. It is the applied stream that is having the most trouble, with 47 per cent of students at the provincial standard in math.

That struggle isn't just at HHSS, however, as provincewide only 44 per

cent of applied level math students are meeting the standard.

Principals at area schools have indicated more work will be done in math to enhance the students' knowledge, as was done with literacy to great success.

But before anyone despairs of local or provincial scores, we should remember just what EQAO represents.

The standardized test, introduced in 1996 to create benchmarks for Ontario students, doesn't measure everything.

In fact, it gives a tiny window into the learning being done at our schools every day. Some things that EQAO doesn't test: physical skill in sports, artistic creativity, talent in dramatic arts, knowledge of social science, musical ability, a mind for chemistry, a knowledge of biology, a passion for history.

The list goes on.

It also doesn't measure those "street smarts" we learn just by interacting with others, taking chances, overcoming disappointment and being students.

Just like that kid who always did well on that Grade 9 math test, the EQAO assessment is just one measure of how students are doing.

It's a powerful tool as long as we keep it in perspective.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Lone birch

photo by Darren Lum

Taking back the F-word

I F YOU KEEP abreast of popular culture, as I do, you notice the important trends almost immediately. For instance, the hula hoop is no longer popular among today's youth, nor is ukulele music or the phrase "tippy canoe and Tyler too!"

That's the type of thing that just doesn't get by a guy like me. So, it should come as no surprise when rap music became all the rage among urban youth earlier this year, I was right on it.

One of the many things I noticed, aside from the fact they sing a lot about farming, with all those references to hoes and all, is that rappers have taken back the N-word.

I'll admit, it was shocking at first – after all that word was originally used to demean black people. But now I see the genius in what they have done; in making it part of their everyday culture – being proud of what it means to their heritage and owning it – they have empowered themselves and told the world that you can no longer hurt us with this word. That doesn't mean anyone outside the culture can use the N-word, however, just those who reside within it. Otherwise, it's offensive.

I thought, wow, not only is rap music chockablock with wholesome messages and groovy beats – now it has taught the world a thing or two as well.

That's why I'm proposing that we hunters take back the F-word.

That's right; it's time we own the word Fudd.

Let's be honest here. For too long this word has been used by our spouses or bystanders to demean the hunting community.

Now, if my proposal catches on, one hunter will be able to walk up to another and proudly exclaim, "What's up my Fudd?!"

Then, I envision we will break into a celebratory and popular street dance like the hokey-pokey and shake hands like gentlemen.

Cool? Well, yes.

The point, however, is that we will have reclaimed a word that has been used to

demean my people ever since Looney Tunes first brought Elmer Fudd, the incompetent hunter, to the international stage.

By hunters using the term Fudd on one another, we will finally get over the stigma that comes with that word. It will be great.

No longer will phrases like "Where is that wascally wabbit?" haunt us.

Yes, it's a great idea whose time has come.

The only issue now is getting us all to use it so it spreads like wildfire through the hunt camps of North America – which is why I mentioned my idea on a radio segment last week.

Rick, my radio personality buddy, quickly picked up on what I was getting at and said, perhaps a little too exuberantly, "What's up my Fudd?" to me.

Unfortunately, Rick doesn't hunt. So, from him, it was offensive ...



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points of view

Endings and beginnings

IN MANY WAYS Thomas couldn't believe it was really happening as he had stood talking, shaking hands, embracing all the relatives and friends. But the funeral home had been very real, its thickly hushed furnishings and subdued lighting unable to disguise what it really was. A place of death.

The phone call had come at 10:15 in the morning. Tanya's ex-husband Mel had called Thomas and he was sobbing between words. He had found her on her bathroom floor dead of a massive heart attack. Tanya was older than her brother but Thomas had always figured he'd be the first to go, not Tanya. As usual she had fooled them all. Just like when they were kids.

Although Tanya and Mel had divorced years ago they had stayed friends or as much as anyone could be friends with Tanya. Thomas had always figured Mel would have been happy to stay married but Tanya had called it quits. In the funeral home Mel had been almost inconsolable as he recounted over and over the events of his morning discovery.

Yes, Thomas acknowledged to himself, Tanya had been far from perfect. Self-centred, vengeful and controlling on one hand, she could also be incredibly kind, loyal and funny on the other. A complex person with quirky habits, she had been spending an increasing amount of time at the cottage,

drinking her wine and doing mosaics. The latter was a passion found later in life and Tanya had taken to it like a thirsty traveller descending on a well in the desert.

Being as she was, Tanya had left no will. Thomas had suspected as much and asked her outright at Christmas the year before. Tanya said she couldn't be bothered but Thomas knew she wanted to make life difficult for those who survived her. That was the mean part of her personality that Thomas knew but pushed out of his head as best he could. Instead he replaced that knowledge with memories of her reading to him and teaching him to ride his bike. That was the Tanya he wanted to remember.

He had to fight the government over her estate. As the only living next of kin, he had rights and he pushed for them. He made sure Mel got something, for all he had put up with from Tanya over the years. And Thomas took the cottage. Mel didn't want it - too many memories.

And what a nightmare Thomas had uncovered. While Thomas knew that Tanya had had a difficult time throwing anything out, he soon realized his sister had been a hoarder. The cottage was crammed with junk from years of yard sales and auctions. There were items she would have had neither use nor room for but they had been stockpiled everywhere. The double garage had been impassable and every closet and cupboard had been full. Old sewing machines, bolts of mouldy fabric, boxes of buttons, furnace parts, ancient cooking paraphernalia, most of it broken; it was an incredible mess. Then there were the mosaics. Thomas counted at least 10 unfinished projects spread throughout the cottage. There were scraps on the bathroom counter, living room floor and kitchen table.

Once Thomas recovered from the shock of what lay behind the expensive cottage doors, he noticed the smell. Tanya, never a big fan of cleaning, probably hadn't even swept the cottage floor in years. Thomas figured he must have removed 30-odd dead mice in various stages of decay. They would have had no problem finding entry as the screening was torn in many places and a section of floor had rotted right through.

It had taken several months to get the place liveable again ending with a hefty price tag from a local contractor. However it had been worth the expense. Now Thomas had a comfortable home where he could stay all year should he so wish. The critters stayed outside, the heat stayed in and Thomas had a wonderful place to escape the city and bring his friends. Now he stood at the barbecue grilling a small steak and sipping a drink. The pine and spruce surrounded him like guardians of all the memories that rose in him now. Wherever he looked he saw Tanya, the young Tanya, the thoughtful, helpful sister who made him laugh; not the weird stranger she had become. As he turned the steak over he thought the young Tanya would have liked how he had fixed up her cottage. His cottage now.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road



pic of the past

Back row, from left to right, Bill (W.R.) Curry, Mrs. Crarey, Mrs. Tom Barrow and Mrs. Fred Edmonds. Middle row, from left to right, William Hudgins, Elda McKnight, Gladys Johnson, Mrs. H.B. Feir and Mrs. Geo Feir. Front row, from left to right, Mrs. Hudgins, Mrs. W.R. Curry, Mrs. Burt, Rev. Burt, H.B. Feir. In 1925 the United Church was formed in Haliburton when the Presbyterians and the Methodists joined into one congregation. As a boy and an Anglican, I recall two dynamic United Church ministers. First, Rev. Brown who started the Boy Scouts and Cubs of Haliburton. Rev. Brown delighted us with his dramatic skills and plays at the town hall. Rev. Gordon Smyth created large senior and junior youth groups. In his time, Megan Nichol led the CGIT (Canadian Girls In Training). They produced a memorable Christmas service one year at the United Church among other activities. It should be noted that Len Salvatori led the Scouts for 30 years after the war. Submitted by Tom Hodgson



Former police association gives to students

The Wilberforce Policing Association has disbanded and chose to donate their remaining funds to the Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools snack programs. Patricia Simiana from the association says most of their donations came from the community over the years and they would like to give back to the community. She agrees it is imperative for children to learn on a full stomach. She is happy to contribute to the schools snack programs. Each school provides a healthy snack each morning for every student and the program survives solely on donations. Gord Wood (the principal for both schools) and Judy Pergolas (secretary at Wilberforce Elementary School) are shown receiving with thanks the very generous donations of \$900 for each school from Patricia Simiana, centre, from the former association. A big thank you to the Wilberforce Policing Association from the staff and students from Wilberforce and Cardiff schools.

Submitted

Home inspector encourages radon testing

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Canadian government is giving a silent killer greater respect after a recent survey of 14,000 homes.

This past year, Health Canada researchers discovered seven per cent of the surveyed homes had high levels of radon gas. 16 per cent of lung cancer deaths in Canada are attributed to radon gas, second only to tobacco use. In 2006, there were an estimated 1,900 lung cancer deaths related to radon.

Radon gas is a naturally occurring source of radiation produced by the breakdown of uranium in the soil, rock and water. It leaves no trace or smell. When it is released outside the effect is of no concern, but in enclosed spaces such as basements the concentration can develop into a health concern.

Smokers more than double their risk for lung cancer. For a lifetime smoker the risk is one in three compared to one in ten without radon exposure.

Pam Sayne, a local house inspector with Know Your Home Inspections based in Minden, acknowledges radon exists, but did not know Highlands figures. However, a simple test purchased for approximately \$50 at a hardware store can reveal concentration levels.

It's recommended to put the testing unit in a place closest to the foundation, where it won't be disturbed for three months before it gets sent off for testing. Health Canada recommends the test be conducted in the autumn and winter months, as this is when radon levels are highest.

Sayne recommends homeowners do the test themselves.

"It's kind of silly to [pay someone to] do it when you can do the preliminary one yourself," she said.

Homeowners can easily resolve the situation if there is more than the government accepted limit of 200 becquerels per cubic metre of air.

"They find ways to address it with air circulation. Some of the houses that I have seen ... (like if there was a lot

of radon gas that's coming from a crawl space inside a house) they put a fan on it and keep it aired out," she said.

Another practice (known as active soil depressurisation) is to hire a contractor to drill a hole into the foundation and insert a pipe and circulate the gas from the basement to the outside. The cost varies, but is typically between \$1,500 and \$3,000.

Health Canada says action should be taken if the concentration levels are above 600 bq/m³.

Health Canada said homes in the Yukon and New Brunswick had the highest concentration with close to six per cent of homes above 600. Ontario has 95 per cent of homes below 200.

Government standards of acceptable levels have increased since 2007. The baseline for addressing radon lowered from 800 to 200 bq/m³. Originally this standard was in place in 1988 and was based on studies on underground uranium miners exposed to very high levels of radon, said Health Canada.

Lynn MacDonald, radiation scientist with the Radiation Safety Institute of Canada, said it's important people know these numbers are guidelines.

MacDonald adds greater exposure to radon gas, like "any low-level ionizing radiation source," means a greater chance, but specific cause and effect will depend on each person.

"It is a matter of statistics; some people will be exposed their whole life and not get lung cancer [while] some will be exposed for a short time and get lung cancer. But it is more likely that those exposed to higher levels for longer times will be at more risk," she said.

Sayne believes the test for radon gas is so simple and inexpensive that it's an easy decision for peace of mind.

Although the basement in her house is finished, Sayne has been running the test the last several weeks and will send the unit in for testing soon.

She took advantage of a Ministry of Health program to conduct the testing in her finished basement for free. She ordered a test kit from a lab. However, she recommends

people call the ministry and ask about choosing labs, as they are not equal.

The concern is far greater than ever before with homes being more impervious to the environment, Sayne adds.

"We're building them more and more air tight so these kind of considerations are becoming more noticeable. Before we had these leaky farm houses with the air blowing through all day while we working out in the field come home and start the fire to warm up the bricks we were fine, right?" she said. "But now we're closing in the houses to save on energy, which is so dear. Now we're looking on radon."

Homes act like a vacuum, sucking in underground gases. With lower air pressure inside the house than in the soil surrounding the house, the outside air is pulled in by air exchangers, exhaust fans and clothes dryers, said Health Canada. Common areas for radon to enter a home are cracks in foundation walls, floor slabs, construction joints, gaps around service pipes and support posts, floor drains and sumps, cavities inside walls and the water supply.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, there were an estimated 186,400 new cases of cancer and 75,000 cancer deaths for Canada in 2012.

Lung cancer accounts for more than one-quarter (27 per cent) of all cancer deaths.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit is not leading or planning any strategy to raise awareness, leaving it to Health Canada.

Sayne said the test can be part of the usual checklist for a homeowner.

"Anybody who is concerned it really doesn't take a whole lot to do that test. It is a reasonable thing to do. Just like we're supposed to check our fire alarms and smoke detectors ... part of that would be to check for radon," she said.

For more information see healthycanadians.gc.ca/Hazardcheck or call 1-800-ocanada.

Information is also available the Health Canada website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca

Colour the town

June Smith, left, and Deb Dart, stand in front of an autumn display on Monday, Sept. 10. They were part of the Business Improvement Area's town decoration group. Deb Dart led the effort with 10 volunteers.

Darren Lum Staff



Community volunteer June Smith carries a bundle of corn stalks and tall grass for an autumn display. Volunteers decorated nine locations in Haliburton.



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Devolin calls for new agency to manage and operate the TSW

Local MP Barry Devolin is calling for the creation of a new independent agency to manage the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW), saying public safety and health should be the top priority of this new agency.

"I have come to believe that people and communities in this region would be better served by an independent agency managing the Trent Severn Waterway, rather than Parks Canada," said Devolin. "As such, my intention is to table a private member's bill this fall that would create a Crown corporation, which would manage and operate the TSW."

Devolin said he reached this conclusion earlier this summer while listening to public input regarding decisions senior management at Parks Canada was making about the length of the Trent Severn Waterway's navigational season.

"The Trent Severn is not your typical national park. It's part nature, and part man-made," said Devolin. "As such,

I think it deserves a management structure better tailored to that reality."

"During the public consultations over the summer, many of the people I spoke with agreed that the TSW needs to be seen as more of an economic driver and attraction whose management acts in a more proactive manner to keep and lure visitors to this area," said Devolin. "I think this new structure I am proposing could more easily navigate the TSW in that direction."

The Trent Severn Waterway is a complex water management system in a central Ontario region that spans more than 18,000 square kilometres, and is home to more than one million residents. Man-made structures owned and operated by the TSW include 150 dams, 45 locks, and 39 swing bridges.

The TSW is best known for its 386-kilometre-long historic canal that connects Lake Ontario at Trenton with Lake

Huron at Port Severn.

There are more than 125,000 private and commercial properties along this navigational channel, with thousands more on reservoir lakes in Haliburton County and other areas.

-Submitted by the office of Barry Devolin



Educational children's festival receives funding

Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities presents Irene Heaven, co-ordinator for Haliburton Muskoka Kawartha Children's Water Festival, with a \$4,500 cheque at the Haliburton town docks on Friday, Sept. 14. The money is from RBC, which has contributed close to \$10,000 over four years, and its Blue Water Project. It supports the two-day (Oct. 1 to 2), hands-on, educational event hosted in the Highlands to educate children about water and all related issues. The festival enters its eighth year and averages close to a thousand participants.

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Cardiff resident training for provincial gymnastic qualifiers

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

As a young girl Madison Gates didn't know how to walk.

Instead the Cardiff resident would flip, twirl and bounce.

It seemed only natural for Jennifer Boone-Gates to enrol her daughter in gymnastics, a sport she has thrived in.

In the coming months Madison, 15, will be competing for a spot at the provincial championship.



They take the best two scores out of the three qualifiers and if you make it into the top 32 of your age and level, then you go to the provincial finals.

— D'Anna Millar

A member of Bancroft Gems Gymnastic club, Madison has been coached by club owner D'Anna Millar since she started.

"There are 10 levels of gymnastics, nine of which are competitive. The girls competing in the Olympics are basically at a level nine or a 10. When you get halfway through to level five, that's when you can start to go into the provincial level," explained Millar.

From November to next February, Madison will be competing in three qualifiers held across Ontario. If she is successful she will move on to the artistic gymnastics finals in Windsor next April, hosted by Gymnastics Ontario.

"They take the best two scores out of the three qualifiers and if you make it into the top 32 of your age and level, then you go to the provincial finals," said Millar.

Those who are successful at the finals go on to compete in the Canadian championships, according to the coach.

Millar has been operating her gymnastics club in Bancroft since 2008, in two different locations.

"I moved up here, planning to retire from gymnastics after a 20-year career, but I couldn't get away from it," she said.

Originally from Toronto, Millar brought gymnastics to the area by offering it after school at North Hastings High School, where Madison began at the age of 10.

"A friend of mine suggested I enrol my kids in gymnastics," said Boone-Gates, who now has all three of her daughters in the club.

The extra-curricular activity seemed like a natural fit for Madison, her mom said.

She recalls family and school trip photos where Madison is doing a handstand in front of the Parliament building or other landmarks.

Nowadays Madison trains at the gymnastics club four times a week, with each session lasting a couple of hours.

A student at North Hastings High School, she devotes much of her spare time to gymnastics and misses it when she's off for the summer.

"This is a girl who a day or two after the break in June is asking if she can start again," said Boone-Gates.

In addition to training, Madison is an assistant coach



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Cardiff resident Madison Gates, right, balances on a beam with gymnastics coach D'Anna Millar at the Bancroft Gems facility in Bancroft. Fifteen-year-old Gates is training for the provincial qualifiers, set to take place this fall and winter throughout Ontario.

at the club.

During the qualifiers Madison will be competing in the all-round category, completing routines in the uneven bars, vault, spring floor and the balance beam.

The thought of competing leaves her feeling "scared, but excited," she said.

Millar feels the same way.

"This will be my first time coaching a provincial athlete," she said.

Millar is expecting the gymnast to have some jitters during her first try at provincials, but knows Madison will do well under pressure, as she has won medals in previous inter-club competitions.

While Madison is unsure how far she will go in the competitive world, she's happy to have made it to this point.

The road to provincials will be a costly one, with Madison's family having to cover the competition fees, travel, training and clothing costs.

During the next few months Boone-Gates is hoping to organize various community fundraisers to assist Madison's journey to provincials.

Those interested in supporting Madison can contact Boone-Gates at jennifer.boone@sympatico.ca or Millar at bancroftgymnastics@gmail.com or by calling 613-332-6100.

Cardiff resident Madison Gates, left, practises her handstand with help from her gymnastics coach D'Anna Millar at the Bancroft Gems facility in Bancroft.



Weeding out invasive plants at home

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Finding a “greener” thumb is easy with a hands-on learning opportunity coming later this month.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is offering the Plant Me Instead workshop at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Office, at 739 Mountain St. in Haliburton from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Led by Hayley Anderson of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, the workshop will teach participants about native plants, invasive plant species and proper planting techniques.

Anderson, who describes herself as a passionate plant lover, wants people to know that gardens with native species can be as beautiful and easy to maintain.

“I hope they leave with a better understanding of their gardens and what they want from them. Native species and non-invasive species can still be beautiful and provide a wonderful garden,” she said.

The workshop is the first of 11 monthly Nature in the ‘Hood: Discovery Days free offerings. The name is derived from the Nature in the Neighbourhood program offered by the Gosling Foundation, which

funded the Land Trust’s series. This series focuses on getting people outside and learning. It fills a void left with the conclusion of the Discovery Days series of events offered by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.

Generally, cottage country is susceptible to plants such as periwinkle that can be brought in from suburban areas, Anderson said.

“If people aren’t there and not keeping an eye on it, often it can escape into forests. It causes quite the problem because it covers the ground and out-competes native species for water and food and sunlight,” she said.

Rachel Gillooly, program manager at the Land Trust, said everyone could learn something, particularly when it comes to native and invasive species.

“I never knew that periwinkle is an invasive species. We all use it for ground cover. But now in my own garden I’ve just noticed all the perennials I planted three years ago aren’t there because they’re being choked out,” she said, adding an alternative for periwinkle is wild strawberry. “I think it’s just a matter of not knowing what the alternatives are. We decided it would be a great idea to talk about that.”

The plant council’s workshop is part of

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— Hayley Anderson

the Grow Me Instead campaign to work with the landscape industry. The council is a non-profit group working towards raising awareness of invasive species and encouraging the purchase of native species. It works with the Master Gardeners of Ontario and was formed in 2007.

With the plant council since 2010, Anderson has given close to 30 presentations a year and the one thing everyone agrees on is a disdain for goutweed (also known as snow on the mountain). Goutweed is a ground cover plant that can take over gardens.

As a child, Anderson used to spend hours with her aunt, who is a master gar-

dener.

A local representative of Country Rose Garden Centre will also be added to the event.

Next month the trust hosts Wonderful World of Mushrooms. This is the third offering of this workshop.

Pat Burchell, past-president of the Mycological Society of Toronto, will lead the educational walk on mushrooms at the Dahl Forest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7.

Call 705-457-3700 or register online (www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca), as space is limited to 30 for each of the 11 workshops.



Streetscape project digs deep

Construction continues on Highland Street in Haliburton, slowing traffic and creating detours around streetscape work. The delays are expected to continue until the end of October.

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Residents check out new development

Haliburton residents Judith McKay, left, looks over floor plans with friend Rob Taylor, who has committed to a unit with his wife in the Granite View development at an open house at the Pinestone Resort on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Located at the corner of Mountain and Lake streets in Haliburton, the three-storey building with 24 suites is expected to start construction in a few months. This development follows the Granite Cove development and is represented by Trophy Property Corp. Brokerage Peter Brady.

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The architectural rendering of the Granite View development shows how it will appear overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton.

HHHSF celebrates \$300,000 campaign at AGM

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

You don't have to see it to believe it.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation celebrated the culmination of their Seeing is Believing campaign at their annual general meeting on Sept. 10.

Raising funds for new X-ray machinery, the campaign brought in \$300,000, a milestone that was celebrated by HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and the board of directors.

"This was a great campaign for the public to get on board with, they could really relate to it," said Walker.

The most recent campaign began in June 2011, as funds were raised through various events and methods, such as the Rotary Golf Classic charity tournament, teddy bear sales and business donations. The donations resulted in a successful year for the organization, as revenues were up, reported John West, auditor for the HHHSF.

"We saw a big change in donations this year," said West. "Projects like the X-Ray campaign get a good response from the community."

In 2012 donations from businesses, individuals and corporations accounted for \$391,395, compared to \$219,768 received last year.

A significant jump was also seen in memorials, as the HHHSF received \$56,832 this past year over \$25,299 in 2011. The total revenue for the past year was \$582,181, which amounts to a \$372,000 surplus after expenses are factored in. The auditors' report was accepted and McColl Turner LLP was reappointed for the upcoming fiscal year. Interim HHHS chief executive officer Foster Loucks thanked the foundation for their hard work

and said it was a privilege to be back within the organization.

"It is enormously pleasing to me to see this report and the job that has been done," he said.

Chief financial officer Cathy Outram echoed Loucks's sentiments.

"We wouldn't be in the great shape that we are without the help of the foundation, for all



Angelica Blenich Staff

Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, gives an update on the fundraising efforts of the organization at the annual general meeting on Sept. 10. This past year the HHHSF raised \$300,000 for new X-ray machines, completing the Seeing is Believing campaign.

that they contribute in equipment and support to us. That makes our job a lot easier," she said.

The next major HHHSF campaign will be launched in spring of 2013, according to Walker.

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Cancer Society lays out spending

➤ Regional director addresses common misperceptions

Chad Ingram
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The Canadian Cancer Society wants the residents of Haliburton County to know that it appreciates their support.

And is putting their money to good use.

"What I would really like to do is recognize and thank the community for their support and make sure people do know the tremendous impact their support is having and can have in the future," Mary Hobbs, a regional director with the organization, said last week.

The society came under intense scrutiny

by national media last year after an investigation by the CBC revealed it was spending more on fundraising than it was on research, with less than 22 per cent of the money it raised going to the latter.

"The reality is that the society's mission encompasses more than research," Hobbs said, explaining a big part of its mandate is also improving the lives of those living with cancer. "When people say we don't spend much money on research, they're forgetting we provide a lot of information and support for people living in the community."

This includes the production of brochures and other materials, the operation of a website, toll-free phone line and the society's transportation program, which Hobbs said is by far its most costly.

Under the program, volunteers, who are reimbursed for mileage, drive cancer patients to their treatments.

Last year, Haliburton County patients were driven a total of more than 170,000

kilometres, representing some 1,040 trips.

The county has 22 volunteer drivers.

Hobbs was asked for a breakdown of the society's expenses and said that 65 per cent of the money raised by the society went towards its "mission," including research grants and community programming.

31 per cent is spent on fundraising and four per cent goes to administrative costs.

For the most recent financial year, the society spent \$127 on its mission work nationally, with \$48 million of that allotted specifically for research.

Hobbs was asked if donations to the society had dropped since the stories on its finances broke last year.

"We have been seeing certain types of donations decline since before that . . . so we're not sure what to attribute it to," she said, adding that ongoing uncertainty in the economy was likely a factor.

Hobbs said the organization is dedicated to ethical practices and financial transparency, that an annual report is available on its website and more financial information can be provided upon request.

Local Relay for Life organizer Aggie Tose said the controversy hadn't resulted in a loss of donations at the local level.

"I don't think it impacted the amount but it certainly impacted our time to make sure everyone knew what we were doing," Tose said.

In six years, the local Relay for Life, held at HHSS each spring, has raised more than \$1 million.

"Certainly none of this could happen without a great small community and I think we've proven what a great place this is."

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Bus service could be coming to Highlands East

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Sept. 11 meeting of Highlands East council.

A bus service could be making its way through the eastern portion of Haliburton County.

The municipality of Highlands East is lending its support to Metis Transit, following a delegation from Darren Parberry.

Parberry approached members of council with the idea of a community-based public transit operation, which would be run similarly to a public transit system.

Riders would have two types of service to choose from, regular and express, costing either \$2 or \$4 a ride.

Once up and running the transit system would also be conducting community days, where the fares from that day would be donated to local organizations.

Apart from fares, the system would rely on advertising from local businesses, which could run ads at a reasonable rate, said Parberry.

Rates would vary, depending on the type of ad and would start at \$60 for a monthly ad inside a bus, \$800 for a webpage ad or \$2,700 for a yearly ad on the outside of a bus.

Other rates include advertising on a bus schedule, bus shelter or in a pocket timetable.

Prior to starting, Parberry said he would be conducting surveys throughout the municipality to establish what type of route would be offered and frequency.

Parberry said he was not sure of the route, but it would extend to Peterborough.

The bus would be wheelchair accessible.

Parberry was planning on visiting all municipalities within Haliburton County during the coming weeks to garner their support.

"I think this is a wonderful undertaking and I would certainly support this," said Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

Councillor Cecil Ryall clarified if supporting the proposal meant there was no liability or expense required from the municipality, to which Parberry replied that was correct.

"That's pretty much a no-brainer then," said Ryall.

Council passed a resolution supporting Metis Transit service in Highlands East.

Council to consider solar power company

In an attempt to further educate themselves on opportunities available with solar power, the municipality is inviting Gilead Power Corporation to make a presentation at a future council meeting.

The invitation follows an information night Highlands East hosted on Aug. 21, where multiple solar businesses made presentations to members of council and the public.

With nothing officially planned as of yet, the municipality is looking into possible income opportunities from renewable energy sources.

Council received a letter from John Ewart, the municipality's solicitor, on the presentations made at the information session.

Ewart, who facilitated the meeting, said he was most impressed with the presentations made by Gilead Power Corporation, Evergreen Power Ltd., and Eclipsall Energy Corp.

"From an overall perspective, however, the writer was most impressed by the presentation put forward by Gilead Power Corp. and Mr. Mike Lord. In the writer's opinion Mr. Lord demonstrated a solid understanding of both levels of the FIT program as well as the protocol and requirements necessary to satisfy in arriving at a successful FIT project," Ewart wrote in the letter.

Members of council agreed they were also impressed with Lord and his knowledge of the industry.

Council passed a resolution inviting Lord to make a presentation to enter into an agreement with the municipality.

Arena bookings triple

The Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce is seeing a surge in popularity for the upcoming winter.

Property supervisor Jim Alden informed council arena bookings for the upcoming winter season are up three times more than last year.

Alden believes part of the jump can be attributed to the Dysart arena being shut down for the winter as it undergoes extensive renovations.

However, the supervisor said there has also been an increase in bookings from Bancroft teams and tournaments.

The arena should be up and running with the ice installed by Sept. 15, said Alden.

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Paving on hold for medical centre

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Highlands East council will not be providing funds to pave the parking lot of the medical centre, at least not at this time.

Kass Eshkour, owner of the centre and Wilberforce pharmacy, made a delegation to council at their Sept. 11 meeting requesting financial assistance to enhance accessibility to the building and pave the parking lot.

"At this point the building is not accessible," said Eshkour. "People in wheelchairs can't get in."

He went on to explain he has to go outside to fill prescriptions to those who can't get into the pharmacy.

Previously owned by the municipality, the building was bought by Eshkour in the spring of 2011 and has since been turned into a pharmacy.

Highlands East leases a portion of the building, with the hope of facilitating a medical centre there complete with physicians and a dentist.

While the municipality has already allocated \$10,000 to pave a portion of the parking lot and landscape the exterior, Eshkour said he would need an additional \$25,000 to pave the entire lot.

"The issue becomes the cost of getting equipment there and doing the work," said Eshkour, adding if all the work was done at once it would be more economical.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said the request put council in an awkward position.

"From what I see and what I've been told there's no money left," said Burton.

The reeve suggested the municipality look at fundraising the necessary funds.



Owner of the Wilberforce Pharmacy, Kass Eshkour, approached Highlands East council about receiving additional funds to pave the medical centre's parking lot and make it wheelchair accessible. The building is owned by Eshkour, while a portion is leased out by the municipality.

Angelica Blenich Staff

Eshkour asked about waiting until the spring to do the paving, when the municipality might have more funding available and weather is more co-operative.

"If we do this we can explore grant options," said Councillor Steve Kauffeldt.

Councillor Joan Barton asked how the municipality could ensure the building was wheelchair accessible in the meantime.

Eshkour suggested building a ramp, which could be paid for out of the \$10,000 earmarked for outdoor improvements.

Council agreed to install a ramp and passed a resolution to apply for a stewardship grant for the paving, which would require recycled material being used.

Minor injuries following moose mishap

Females survive car accident while moose dies

Two people from Wilberforce got away relatively unscathed after colliding with a moose on Highway 28.

The 40-year-old driver and her 11-year-old daughter were transported to Bancroft hospital after their Subaru crashed into the animal on Sept. 12.

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Hike Haliburton Festival features celebrity hikers

The 10th anniversary of the Hike Haliburton Festival is a celebration of trails, fresh air, healthy living and having fun with friends and family. From Sept. 20 to the 23, people of all ages and abilities will participate in more than 45 guided themes offered throughout the Haliburton Highlands, and they may find themselves rubbing shoulders with some very interesting people.

The Hike Haliburton Festival has invited several celebrities to join some of the hikes and make appearances at several festival events. Organizers are not revealing what hikes and activities the celebrities will be participating in. "We want to create an atmosphere of surprise and suspense and provide our visitors with another reason to take a hike," says Maria Micallef, tourism co-ordinator for the County of Haliburton. "Everyone will have an equal chance of finding themselves chatting with a celebrity." Hikers and festival goers will encounter celebrities that are local and others that have travelled some distance to be part of the festival. Hikers might have occasion to see and interact with the following celebrities.

Jane Bunnett, a flutist, saxophone player

and pianist, has won multiple Juno awards, been nominated for several Grammy Awards and most recently, was honoured with an appointment to the Order of Canada. An internationally acclaimed musician, Jane Bunnett is known for her Afro-Cuban melodies and her creative integrity, improvisational daring and courageous artistry. She has a cottage in North Hastings and is very excited to be part of the Hike Haliburton Festival.

Suzie Vinnick, is the owner of a gorgeous powerful voice, who performs with a sweet mixture of engaging candidness and unparalleled musicianship. Her *Me 'n' Mabel* album was nominated for a 2012 Juno Award in the Blues Album of the Year category. She's a five-time winner of the Maple Blues Award for Best Female Vocalist, a two-time winner of the Maple Blues Award for Best Songwriter, and in December she won Contemporary Singer of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Jason Fowler is a highly respected Toronto singer/songwriter, session guitarist and producer. He has released six independent CDs under his own name and has played on more than 100 albums. In

addition to his own successful solo career, Fowler is also the musical director and guitarist for renowned Irish tenor John McDermott, and has toured with him since 2001. Fowler performed recently with John McDermott at the Forest Festival.

Johnny Burke is an award-winning country music star who was just inducted in the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. He has recorded 14 albums and played on countless others.

Burke has performed with many country greats and on the Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Now and Nashville Network. His hit record *Wild Honey* performed with his band Eastwind was named single of the year in 1978. He resides with his wife, Teresa, in the Haliburton Highlands.

Carl Dixon continues to live his life of music in the Haliburton Highlands after a distinguished career as a rock and roll musician. Dixon has played with Coney Hatch, April Wine and The Guess Who. Current projects include reunion concerts with Coney Hatch, production of a full album for a group of local youth called Victoria Secrets, numerous solo shows with songs from two recent released CDs, and the writ-

ing of an autobiography.

Kevin Callan whose mantra is "making the outside fun, one misadventure at a time" is the author of 13 books, including the bestselling *The Happy Camper* and an incredibly popular series of paddling guides.

Callan is also a frequent guest on radio and television, including morning shows (Canada AM, Breakfast TV, Ottawa A, Ottawa Roger's Daytime) and he hosts his own CBC Radio show coast to coast titled *The Happy Camper*. He is a winner of four National Magazine Awards and three film awards.

Other celebrities are expected to participate.

A full list of celebrities is available on the festival's website - www.hikehaliburton.com.

Please register for hikes, barbecues and concerts in advance by calling 705-705-1777 or 1-800-461-7677 or emailing tourism@haliburtonholidays.com.

All hikes and events are free unless otherwise indicated. Donations are welcome.

Be sure to pick up a festival map at the Tourism Information Centre.

Back to school should include lesson in emergency planning

Younous Manjoura
HKPR Health Unit

By now, parents and caregivers have settled into the routine of packing lunches, checking homework and getting children off to school on time. Students too are back to reading, writing and arithmetic.

One subject, however, that does not get a lot of attention is emergency planning. Whether an emergency happens during the school day or in the evening, families should take the time now to prepare for the unexpected.

Ontario is not immune to tornadoes, snowstorms, ice storms, flooding and other natural disasters.

Other emergencies such as electrical blackouts, industrial accidents and train derailments can also occur anytime and anywhere.

Schools deserve credit for being proactive in preparing for emergencies. Your child has probably mentioned going through a fire drill or practising a lockdown procedure at school.

Most schools have detailed emergency policies and plans in place, including guidelines for the evacuation or early dismissal of students. You should be aware of these, and if not, find out from the school.

It is essential to provide your child's school with information about how to contact you in an emergency.

Early in the academic year, most schools will send forms home to families asking for key contact information. Be sure to complete and return these forms, providing details about where and how to reach you during the day.

It is also prudent to list a second con-

tact person who can be reached in your absence. This could be a grandparent, relative, neighbour, babysitter or family friend who would be available if the school could not immediately reach you.

Your child needs to know this information as well: your address and phone number, how and where to reach you, and who will be the back-up contact.

If your child has a cellphone, program this information directly into the mobile device.

As a family, discuss and develop your own emergency plan, then put it into practice.

The plan should include a place to meet in an emergency. Most likely, it would be your home. For children who are older and mature, consider entrusting them with a house key so they can easily get access to your home. If possible, arrange for older siblings to pick up a younger brother or sister from school if you cannot readily get there.

It is also important for your family to choose a second safe location to meet if you cannot get home. For example, the home of a neighbour or relative could be where your child goes if dismissed early from school.

Emergency kits are worth considering as well - at home and in your vehicle. Get your child involved in assembling an emergency kit, so that he or she is better aware of how to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

Kits should contain water, snacks (like fruit cups or granola bars), light or glow stick, batteries, whistle, bandages, tissues and clothes. Key contact information should also be put in the kit, as well as a list of any allergies, medical conditions or medications affecting your child.

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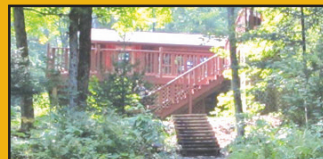
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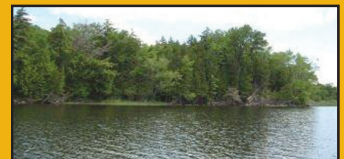
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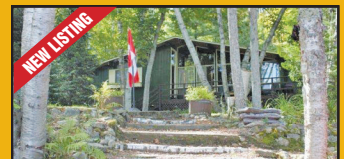
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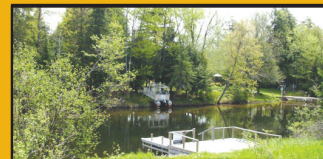
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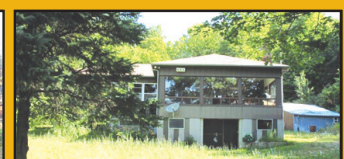
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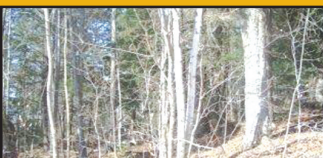
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Engaging the county's volunteers

Guest speaker Donna Lockhart, far right, who is a consultant for organizations, speaks to an audience of volunteers and volunteer organizers about the changing volunteering climate at the third annual Haliburton Highlands Volunteer Fair at the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, Sept. 15. The event drew 70 people and included 25 volunteer organization booths.

Darren Lum Staff



Event co-organizer Roxanne Casey, left, who is also a station manager for the Canoe FM, speaks with a prospective volunteer.

The fair provided the community an opportunity to see many of the Highlands' volunteer organizations in one place. It was funded partially by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

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Wheel fun across Highlands

Right, Beijing and Sydney Games Olympian Geoff Kabush, second from right, starts the Crank the Shield multi-day mountain bike race with more than 80 other riders at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve on Friday, Sept. 14. Below, riders are a blur as they speed down the first portion of the first stage and, bottom, the pack of riders speed down the road. The Shield is a three-day race where riders travel more than 200 kilometres. The race course started, finished and criss-crossed the Highlands, including the Village of Haliburton. It is marketed as "Eastern North America's most challenging and popular mountain bike stage race."

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Pancake Breakfast - Haliburton United Church - 8 am to 11 am

Vintage Car Show - Home Hardware/Haleco Plaza 10 am to 4 pm

Farmer's Market - Head Lake Park - 9 am to noon

IAMS Pet Contest - 10:30 am Head Lake Park

Reptiles at Risk - 9:30 to 2:30 pm - Head Lake Park

Shout Sister - 1 pm on Highland Street 2:30 pm - Head Lake Park

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Sports



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The senior Red Hawks football team goes through drills in preparation for the 2012 season at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton on Tuesday, Sept. 12. The junior and senior teams will host the Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute Rams for the home opener on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Hawks football readies for new season

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The great thing for a new year is new hope.

When you have close to 50 players suit up for the first week of pre-season football anything is possible.

Red Hawks junior football coach Bruce Griffith is excited despite his team being put into tier two of the Kawartha League.

The team will play a five-game season so each game is crucial to be among the top three who will be eligible for the playoffs.

"I'm expecting to have six games. We'll see what happens," he said.

The team's home opener is against the Kenner Rams on Oct. 11.

Three road games will precede the home opener.

Griffith said traditionally the travel is tough on teams, as it has always been an advantage for the Red Hawks in their home games. However, he said, his team will be prepared.

With the exception of his lineman personnel, Griffith's team is very deep, including the coaching staff.

This wealth of players and staff is a rarity.

The offense includes a possibility for a passing dimension, as the depth chart has four quarterbacks and several capable players at the backfield and receiver positions.

Griffith said for the first time he'll have four quarterbacks on his roster: Devon Upton is his starter, who is a "double-attack weapon" with his arm and his speed, Cody Bain, the backup quarterback, who will also play linebacker, and two other Grade 9s.

For the first time, Griffith said he would start two Grade 9s in the backfield: Mac Rider, a tailback and the speedy Joseph Patrick at slotback, who is arguably the fastest athlete in the school. He said it is still early, but is happy about being able to possibly use these players for two years.

Matt Sexsmith, Ben Davis and Hunter Smith will be playing defence and offence.

Ken Briggs, a second-year defensive lineman, is out with an injury suffered in pre-season and will be out for two weeks.

The coaching staff includes HHSS teacher Ryan Merritt, and community volunteer Derek Wilson, who helped last year and played football at York University, and community volunteer Raavo Laidla.

Senior football

The winless 2012 season (0-6) has left the Red Hawks in the newly created tier two division, which will include the Kenner Rams, St. Peter's Saints, Norwood Knights and the TASS Griffins.

Despite the change, coach Tim Davies is optimistic about the season and happy to give his players an opportunity to

play the greatest game in the world.

"We just try to instill in the fellas that they're playing the best game on a nightly basis, practice and play ... we provide the best program in the area for young men," Davies said.

He adds his team has always been inclusive. They'll take everyone regardless of size or shape. There's a position and a spot for everyone, he said.

Davies said the team is not eligible to compete in the playoffs in tier two.

The Red Hawks will play an eight game (home-and-opposing team home) season. It is still being decided how a team could gain entry into tier one following this season.

The team, which includes 29 players on the roster, may have lost leaders and performers such as Grant Ellis, Stuart Locke and Andrew Murray to graduation to name a few, but is not without suitable replacements. Davies said returning seniors Jonah Stonehouse, middle-linebacker, Jake Ruddell, guard and Louis Ferracuti, tailback, are worthy leaders, as all of them exemplified leadership and commitment by putting in the work during the off-season.

The coaching staff includes Derek Little.

The injuries have already started. Ruddell will miss three weeks while Drake Montgomery will miss two weeks and Brad Wood should be ready this week.

The team's home opener is against the Kenner Rams on Thursday, Oct. 11.



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Taking a shot at 2012

From left, clockwise, the Red Hawks guard Casey Pringle cuts through two of her players during the varsity girls' basketball team practice at the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School gym on Thursday, Sept. 13. Right, Red Hawks guard Kayla Gardiner, left, and forward Kirsty Cook, practise a pre-season drill. Bottom right, Red Hawks forward Kirsty Cook, right, clashes with a teammate for a rebound. The team, which was at JDHES waiting for the new gym floor at HHSS to be finished, will play its first home game against Brock High School on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

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Left, the pitch was busy with pre-season practice for the entire Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field hockey program on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The varsity and the varsity B teams will host Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in the home opener on Thursday, Sept. 20.
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Varsity field hockey player Ali Hicks, left, shields the ball from teammate Jessica Duchene in a pre-season practice for the entire Haliburton Highlands Secondary School field hockey program on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

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Book of the Week

The Blondes by Emily Schultz

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biting satiric wit, *The Blondes* is a "giddily enjoyable" new novel from one of Canada's most promising young writers and you can reserve it today at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week — Young Adult Title

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

16-year-old Mattie Gokey sees the world with an unflinching honesty, which allows her to speak with a rich

and truthful clarity on both the beauty and darkness found in the wilderness of the Northern United States of the early 20th century. A blossoming writer, and lover of the written word, she dreams of attending college in New York City, and one day publishing a book of her own. But such dreams may be impossible. The recent death of her mother has left her in charge of not only managing the household and her three younger sisters, but also working on the family farm. When she's sent to earn extra money for the family

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ily by working at a local resort, Mattie finds herself holding the key to a young woman's mysterious death. *A Northern Light* is a stunning and captivating read, which can be reserved from your library.



Local Celebrity Read

Robert Heeps, the treasurer for the Friends of the Library, has been busy planning the Friends' seventh annual Book Gala featuring *The Best Laid Plans* author Terry Fallis. The event is

on Nov. 4 at the Pinestone Resort. In his downtime, Heeps is reading *Wings of the Navy: Flying Allied Carrier Aircraft of WWII* by Capt. Eric Brown.

"Capt. Eric 'Winkle' Brown served for over 30 years in the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy," explains Heeps. "He has flown virtually every type of British aircraft from the early '30s bi-planes to modern jets along with many American types as well as captured German jets."

"He reviews 16 aircraft from the Fairey Swordfish to the Grumman F-6-F Hellcat. He describes the evolution of the design and the operational success or failure of each type. Included are illustrations with cutaway and cockpit drawings, which are most helpful for detail research. Most interesting is Capt. Brown's detailed report of the flying char-

acteristics, weak and strong points along with the impressions of the pilots that flew them during the war. He puts you into the cockpit and gives you the feeling of what it would be like to fly one."

"I chose this book because I am interested in the history, development and operations of military aircraft," says Heeps. "I'd recommend it to anyone with an interest in aviation history or as a reference book for scale modelers."

News & Events

A new book club (a "themed book study group") is starting at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. The first meeting will be Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. Call 705-286-2491 to register.

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The emotive power of music

Greg Roe



Music Notes

In August, I had the pleasure of attending five of the seven concerts that took place during the Forest Festival.

Some took place outdoors at

the spectacular Bone Lake amphitheatre and others were in the historic logging museum. Both are excellent venues.

All were excellent concerts.

What happened at one of these concerts gave me the idea for this month's column.

The concert in question was the Jim

Cuddy Trio which played at Bone Lake. The Trio consisted of Jim Cuddy, Colin Cripps on guitar and vocals and Anne Lindsay on fiddle, mandolin and vocals. During one of the songs, Anne Lindsay did a long fiddle solo that "blew the roof off the place."

Not easy to do when the roof is literally the sky above!

After the concert I spoke with someone who was extolling the virtues of that particular solo and he kept saying: "It brought a tear to my eye."

He repeated this a number of times, but what struck me the most was that he seemed to be truly taken aback that music could do this.

But of course, music can make people cry and studies have been done to try to explain why this is.

Solid explanation is hard to find, how-



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ever.

Many ancient traditions understood music had the ability to provoke strong and sometimes disturbing reactions.

The Greeks believed that it could act directly on the soul, giving it a worrisome power.

The fact is that music is a form of communication. It is often made in conjunction with others and it is shared with the listener/audience and perhaps beyond.

That is to say that it is at times "transcendental."

It dialogues with something greater than the day to day.

Call it the muse, or whatever.

It is also a social institution and in some ways it is like religion or morality.

It has both a communal aspect and a personal one.

Each individual has his or her own relationship with it.

It tends to be valued in all cultures and despite the many differences found in the music of differing cultures there are often similarities.

An interesting one is that virtually all

cultures communicate with children through music.

Adults sing to children and babies and speak to them in an often musical manner.

If you were at the Jim Cuddy concert and saw that Anne Lindsay solo you may have noticed that at some point she was no longer just communicating with the audience.

Her body language told you that she was "somewhere else."

She had tapped into something that, for a brief moment, was accessible to the audience as well.

Like the aforementioned concert goer that I spoke of earlier, I too felt a chill in my spine and "had a tear in my eye."

If you have ever made music with a group or orchestra you may be familiar with that feeling when the music takes on a life of its own.

It just works, and the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

This is magic.

If you asked a thousand different people what it is that moves them about music you would get a thousand different answers.

Listeners are moved by many different factors in many different genres. It may be Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You*, Don MacLean's *Vincent*, Jose Carreras singing *Core N'Grato*, or any one of the famous violin concertos by Bruch, Mendelssohn or Tchaikovsky.

Whatever it may be, sit back and enjoy it ... it's part of being human.

Greg Roe hosts *It's Only Rock and Roll alternating Friday nights, on 100.9 Canoe FM, your volunteer, community radio station. He also hosts Haliburton County Reads on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.*

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County of Haliburton Administration Office,
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Glebe Park Information Session

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Fleming College – Haliburton Campus, Room 10
297 College Drive, Haliburton

Everyone is welcome!

The Glebe Park Committee of the Municipality of Dysart et al invites the public to attend an information session to bring the community up to date on the work of the Committee over the past few years and to present plans for the future.

Presentations will include information on:

- Glebe Park Map
- Stewardship Plan
- Forest Management Plan
- Update on work completed by the Glebe Park Stakeholders on the Sculpture Forest, Nordic Trails, Snowshoe Trail, Snowmobile Trail, Mountain Bike Trails, Arboretum, Museum, College and more
- Work Plan
- Proposed Landscape Plan
- Plans for the future

We look forward to receiving your feedback and ideas.

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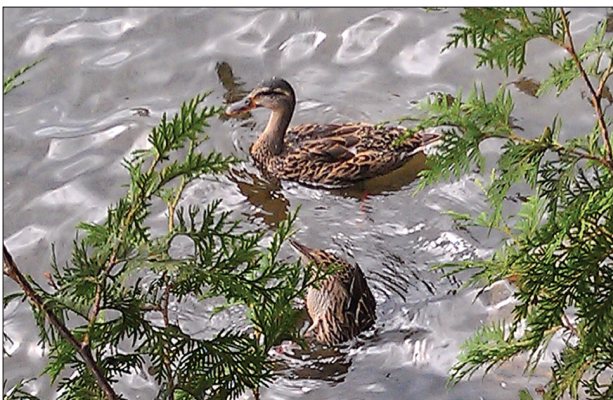
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Michael Pentesco took this photo of a baby snapping turtle on Lake Kashagawigamog.



Bottoms up! Catherine Dennis sent in this photo of two mallards hanging out by the shoreline of Canning Lake.



Vera Jones from Cranberry Lake sent in this photo of a fawn in her backyard.

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The Haliburton branch of the Haliburton County Table Tennis Club will resume play on September 10th at St. Georges Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street, every Monday from 6:00 to 9:00 pm Just bring running shoes - everything else is supplied. Info: Mary or Jeff - 705-457-2260. All skill levels are welcome.

The Grief Journey- A free bereavement support group. For 13 Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm starting September 18, 2012. Held downstairs at the Haliburton Family Health Centre Board Room 7217 Gelert Rd., Haliburton, ON. For further information call Sue Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

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Sept 19th - Dancing Like The Stars "Social" Ballroom FREE introductory lesson, Minden Community Centre 8:30 pm to pre-register or more info call Elaine Nicol 705-329-0257

September 19, 6:30-8 - Haliburton Guides and Pathfinders (9-14yrs) Meeting in the basement of the old library. Contact Michelle at 705-455-3433

Sept 21: A local duo, The Sunday Breakthrough, will be appearing at the Minden Legion from 7:00 to 10:00 pm on Friday, September 21. Admission by donation.

SEPT. 22nd: 9 am - 1 pm Maplefest "all you can eat" pancake / sausage brunch and bake sale - lochlin united church, lochlin road, off gelert road (county road1.) The best deal in town! "Real haliburton maple syrup" of course!! Adults \$6.00 Children under 12 - \$3.00 Preschoolers free

SEPT 30: Harvest Harmonies, Stoffer Mill Bed and Breakfast Hwy 35 to Halls Lake from 2pm-4pm Admission by donation to the Haliburton Highlands Grannies in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
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www.hhhs.on.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those candidates chosen for interviews will be contacted.

Saturday evening was highly entertaining for those of us who attended Triple Forte at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton to hear the piano, violin and cellos trio of David Jalbert, Jasper Wood and Yegor Dyachkov perform.

In the '70s Jasper Wood had had a solo performance on violin at the Legion in Haliburton and is obviously still making a success of his musical career.

Next season will include Michael Burges!

In contrast, music of a different nature, but no less entertaining was performed at Maple Lake United Church on Friday night to raise funds for this church. Carm Peters on dobro, Elgin MacDuff on lead guitar, Charlie Hadley base guitar, Wes Lee violin and mandolin, and Terry and Karl Upton on voice and guitar

delighted the packed church with country, some gospel and folk music.

Charlie, Carm and Wes on madonlins gave a fine performance of *Lara's Song*. Of course, audience and artists alike partook of the usual Maple Lake hospitality and goodies in the basement hall afterwards.

A group of 30 Anglican Church ladies and family members visited over the weekend at Abbey North with the Pattersons and came on Saturday to see the progress at Abbey Gardens.

Euchre on Tuesday night. High - Maureen Laplante and Henk van Nood. Low - Colleen Davison and Ray Sisson. Most lone hands - Barbara Robitaille and Ron Bain. Specials - Colleen Davison and Perry Morrison.

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Triple Forte rocks the stage

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark 448-2018

We're back. A little time off, a little time away revives the spirit. Real visits, not emails and phone calls, with family refresh connections. Some super plays at the Stratford Festival top up a summer of fine theatre and opera right here at home.

The markets are still eclectic at Agnew's on the weekends and inside the store Kawartha Dairy ice cream is still satisfying urges for cool cones. People are working on the community garden. Cataloguing and development of the Outpost museum's part in a countywide virtual exhibit are progressing. A wedding and reception took place at the LWMC last Saturday. The students and staff are back to work at the Wilberforce Elementary School. It must be September.

Late in August a gathering of descendants of early Wilberforce settlers, George and Emma Croft took place at their old homestead which fortunately has remained in the family. The Croft reunion brought together almost 100 registered kinfolk all greatly interested in connecting with relatives and many seeking to know more about their roots. Others were keen to know where the family branches have led family members.

Much of the organization of the celebrations was led by Hilary Croft and her father Michael Croft assisted by other family members here and across Canada and the U.S.A. Michael's father is Melville, the son of Wilfred Croft and grandson of George and Emma.

Wilfred married May Schofield Barker, Wilfred's sister, Eva married George Barnes. Another Croft sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Fred Sanderson. Thus among those assembled at the reunion there were

Barnes, Schofield, Sanderson and Barker family members.

The celebrants enjoyed many events at the old Croft homestead with food and tours, some on wagons. Evening bonfires were enjoyed by campers and others on several evening previous to the main event on Saturday, Aug. 25. Imagine the conversations, the stories, the adventures recounted.

A dinner on Saturday evening at the Lloyd Watson Centre hall brought reunion participants together for more visiting and reconnecting and just plain fun together.

The Wilberforce cemetery was another site visited by many during the reunion for more reasons than fact finding. Do come back again.

Doreen Croft Hutchinson was unable to attend the 20th anniversary in August of the Outpost museum and the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Red Cross nursing service. But she was there in spirit for she was the first Ontario baby born under that program. She celebrated her 90th birthday last April. And we are sure when she attended the Croft reunion, especially on the trips to the farm where she was born, there were some very tender moments with her family as there must have been for her brothers David and Melville.

Tripe Forte is a trio of violinist Jasper Wood, cellist Yegor Dyachkov and pianist David Jalbert. These talented artists offered a thrilling experience for the audience at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Sept. 15. Since forming the trio in 2003 they have toured across Canada drawing "rave reviews for musicianship, dashing virtuosity and liveliness on stage." Their program, which included the music of Beethoven, Shostakovich and Ravel, was enthusiastically received by many truly in awe of their talent.

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Deaths



RAE, Grant R - Long time resident of Haliburton passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, September 8, 2012 with his loving family by his side in his 75th year. Beloved husband of Doreen for 52 years. Loving father to Mike (Alison) and Scott (Sue). Loving grandfather to Kirsten, Matt and John. Dear brother of Joan (Morley) Nicholson of Little Britain, predeceased by Mildred and Daneen. Son of the late Jack and Verna Rae. Grant was a Haliburton Main Street figure with his hardware store located in the middle of town, his home and woodworking shop close by. Grant was friend/mentor/employee of Gary Burch of G.J. Burch Construction for many years as well as all the guys who worked in the shop (Ed, Scott and Scott). Grant was an old car enthusiast and was often seen around town in one of his woody wagons at shows and events. He enjoyed trips to car shows and days up at the shop (ranch) with Doreen and family. Grant will be sadly missed by all he touched and advice he gave to over the years. Friends are invited to visit the family at St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at the Church at 3:00 pm. Reception to follow in the church hall (downstairs). Cremation to follow. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHSF) "Palliative Care Suites" would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Deaths

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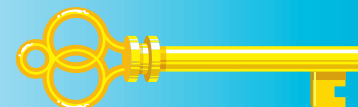
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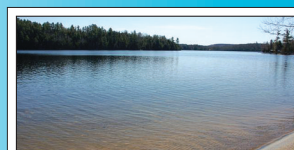
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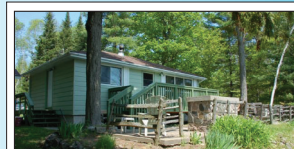
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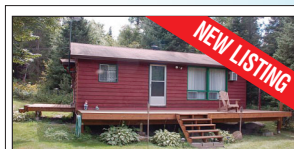
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